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MA Department of Telecommunications & Energy  
One South Station  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear DTE Representatives,

On behalf of Lowell Association of the Blind (LAB), I am writing to urge you to implement changes to the Cable TV Franchising process being proposed by Verizon. I believe their request to streamline delivery of services will benefit the consumers in Massachusetts greatly. Verizon is a leader in services offered to people with disabilities throughout the country. Speeding up the franchising process so that new competitors can enter this market, such as Verizon, I believe will result in others opening up their services to include serving people with disabilities as Verizon has done so.

The Lowell Association for the Blind is a non-profit, community-based organization dedicated to working with the blind and visually impaired. Established in 1923, the Association has been serving the Greater Lowell/Merrimack Valley community for over 80 years.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to promote implementation of Verizon's request.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

  
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Executive Director

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